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(b) if so, whether any action was taken against the persons concerned?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) There was no loss to the Government in 1951–52 due to damage caused to stamps by white-ants in the districts comprised in the present Madras State.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Whether loss was caused or not, was damage caused by white-ants to stamps?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir. During the Andhra partition, the white ants were allotted to the Andhra State. (Laughter.) The damage took place in the Guntur Treasury.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. Minister see that at least during the partition that is going to take place between Kerala and Andhra the white-ants are not allotted to the new Kerala State?

Inspection bungalow at Hasthampatti

*2812 Q.—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM (on behalf of Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) when the Public Works Department Inspection Bungalow at Hasthampatti, Salem district, was constructed and at what cost;

(b) the average annual cost of maintenance during the years 1952–55;

(c) when it was last repaired;

(d) whether it is a fact that the First Member of the Board of Revenue narrowly escaped from injuries, when one of the wooden rafters suddenly fell down from the roof, while he was sleeping in this bungalow during a night in March 1955;

(e) whether he complained to the authorities about the unsatisfactory maintenance of the bungalow;

(f) whether any enquiry was conducted against the officials of the Public Works Department and if so, with what result; and

(g) whether the bungalow has since been inspected and repaired?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) The Inspection Bungalow which was formerly the

residence of the Executive Engineer till 1948 was constructed in the year 1862. The cost of construction with subsequent improvements is Rs. 14,796.

(b) Rs. 530 per year.

(c) In September 1954.

(d) Only a wooden collar connecting one set of rafters fell down about three feet away from the bed of the Board Member.

(e) Yes.

(f) Necessary enquiries were made. But it was found that the mishap was purely accidental for which none of the Public Works Department Officers could be held responsible.

(g) The bungalow was inspected on 8th April 1955 immediately after the accident and necessary repairs and improvements at a cost of Rs. 4,300 have been carried out.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Have the Government made necessary arrangements for insurance of occupants of these bungalows?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: That is a different question, Sir. It is for the occupants to consider.

Harijan Welfare School Teachers

* 2813 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state why the Harijan Welfare teachers in the State have not received any increment in their pay from 1947 to 1954?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: It is not a fact, Sir. The increments of the Harijan Welfare school teachers in the districts of Tiruchirappalli, Ramanathapuram, Madurai, South Kanara, Coimbatore, the Nilgiris and Madras have been claimed and paid up to date. In the remaining districts also except South Arcot increments to the teachers have since been sanctioned and arrangements for the drawal of arrears are being made. The Collector of South Arcot has been asked to see that the increments are sanctioned by the end of this year.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state on what date orders have been passed with regard to Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: The Collector was asked to see that the work was completed by the 5th September 1955. I have information that the work has been completed now.

SRI K. UPPI: May I know whether increments sanctioned to the Harijan Welfare School teachers were not paid in Malabar for the last three or four years?